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Ive heard reports that MS is now blocking browsers from accessing their websites. I dont have specifics on which sites or which browsers, but its disturbing.

for what its worth, they have the technical ability to block browsers on ANY item in the string below, or all of them together.

"Mozilla/4.78 [en] (X11; U; Linux 2.4.9-13 i686)"

In other words, they could block Mozilla, or Mozilla/4.7, or Linux, etc, ad-nauseum.

and they can get away with it, cuz most people dont know better, any more than they know that theres arsenic in their water.

I think its your job to insist upon a modicum of fairness, and letting them continue business as usual is inadequate.